

Docket No. A2012-5

## Postal Regulatory Commission


Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 5, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Conception Junction post office located in Conception Junction, Missouri. The petition for review was filed by Richard L. Holtman (Petitioner) and is postmarked September ^, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than October 20, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: October 6, 2011

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Postal Regulatory Commission

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Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Chairman Goldway:

The Postal Service has posted the Final Determination to Conception Junction, Missouri.

Closing our local post office will have a great impact on our local community. It supports a number of local individuals and businesses including our local fire department. We do not believe closing our post office and providing delivery and retail service by a carrier meets the requirements of the above mentioned rule. It is very inconvenient for customers to purchase money orders/stamps and sending/receiving accountable mail such as registered and certified mail. We are also concerned about vandalism, theft of our mail, and identity theft.

The decision to combine our post office with the Stanberry, Missouri post office is one we strongly oppose. The postmaster plays an important role in our community, especially for the elderly and infirm. Many of our residents do not drive or even have checking accounts and they will be hit hard by this decision because our postmaster assists them in meeting their obligations. Our postmaster helps them pay bills, writes money orders and provides much non-postal caretaking.

Our little post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning. We understand that the Postal Service has financial issues but isn't it against the law to close a post office just to save money? How can the federal government spend billions of dollars in an attempt to create jobs and then a branch of the federal government eliminates vital jobs in small towns? Rural America is just as important as urban America. Post offices in urban America may be a luxury but in rural America they are a necessity.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Holtman